GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PUCCA LAVATORIES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are committed to provide pucca and clean lavatories in every village of the country;

(b) if so, the number of villages provided yet to be provided with such lavatories in the country with the cooperation of State governments and local Gram Panchayats; and

(c) the share of the Union Government and the State Government therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) : The Central Rural Sanitation Programme is being implemented throughout the country.One of the major components of the programme is to provide assistance for the construction of individual household sanitary latrines in the rural areas. The Sanitation is a State subject and the effort of the State Government are supplemented by this Programme.State Governments implement this Programme through their identified agencies including Gram Panchayats.Ministry of Rural Development do not maintain the data on sanitary latrines village wise. However, as per the available information, about 85 lakh sanitary latrines have been constructed in the rural areas and it is estimated that about 16 to 20 per cent rural households have sanitary latrine facility.

(c) The sharing pattern between the Government of India, State Government and the beneficiary for the construction of basic low cost unit of a sanitary latrine is as indicated below:

Sl.No.	Basic Low Cost Unit (BLCU) (Rs.)	Contribution (as %age) to the cost		
		GOI	State	Beneficiary
1.	Upto Rs.625/-	Upto 60%	20%	20%
2.	Between Rs.625/- and Rs.1000/-	Upto 30%	30%	40%
3.	> Rs.1000/-	Nil	-	-

The maximum amount of subsidy for Basic Low Cost Unit is Rs.500/- inclusive of both Government of India and State Shares.